

April 3, 1978

LB 946, 956

PRESIDENT: The bill is returned. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the amendments as explained be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Warner's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move that LB 956 be re-advanced to E & R for Engrossment.

PRESIDENT: All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. The bill is advanced. LB 946. Would you adopt the E & R amendments, please, Senator Warner, or, Senator Cullan? We need to adopt the E & R amendments on LB 946.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move the E & R amendments to LB 946 be adopted.

PRESIDENT: All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. They are adopted.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that LB 946 as amended be advanced to E & R for Engrossment.

PRESIDENT: All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. It's advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Warner now moves to return LB 946 to Select File for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I'm not going to take a lot of time. Mr. President, the purpose of the amendment is to strike the longevity pay for the conservation officers. I offer it for the three reasons. One, I think it's a bad policy to pick out one agency at a time. If you're going to establish such a policy it ought to be done with some legislative review and across the board if it is to be done at all. Secondly, I've had some contact from some employees of the Commission who felt it was inappropriate that just this group of individuals would be picked out and for the overall reason I think it's not a good policy to use on a selective basis as is proposed here. That's it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President, several days ago we passed the amendment to LB 946 allowing longevity pay for the conservation officers. What Senator Warner is trying to do is strike the amendment that was passed the other day. As I mentioned, the LB 946 amendment will only have a little over \$2,000 impact on the state budget. The rest of the money will come out of license fees, fines, etc. Highly trained to help out in the times of natural disasters is part of the duties of the conservation officer. The training has been paying off and just recently a former officer saved the two lives of two people in the recent flood. This amendment will go a long way toward correcting the salary situation for the conservation officers. The recognition

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